

REMARKS

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the examiner's office action. It is requested that matters as to form that have not been addressed in this response be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated. Reconsideration, further examination, entry of the above amendments, and allowance is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments which address the points in the Examiner's as follows:

Claim Rejections –Double Patenting

A terminal disclaimer obviating the non-statutory double patenting rejection is enclosed.

Claim Objections

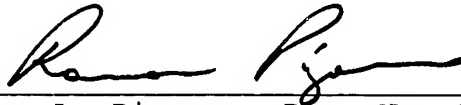
The word ``An'' on claim 12, line 18 has been amended to eliminate the capital letter ``A''.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that the applicant has placed this application in condition for allowance. Further examination, abeyance of any remaining informalities, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections raised in the Examiner's Office Action is requested. Moreover, it is submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and that allowance of the present application is in order and is also requested.

Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of December, 2004,



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